

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for repositioning an intervertebral implant having at least two holes in an intervertebral space, the apparatus comprising:

~~at least one~~ a shaft having a distal end and a longitudinal axis, the distal end of the ~~at least one~~ shaft bending in a direction toward one of the group consisting of left and right relative to the longitudinal axis of the shaft;

two prongs, at least one of the two prongs forming a monolithic structure with the shaft and extending away from the longitudinal axis of the shaft; and

two pins coupled to the shaft distal end,

wherein each pin extends in a direction perpendicular to a plane passing through the longitudinal axis, the pins being parallel to each other, a first of the two pins being located on the longitudinal axis of the shaft and a second of the two pins being located on the at least one of the two prongs extending away ~~effect~~ from the longitudinal axis of the shaft,

wherein ~~the implant includes at least two holes and at least two of the at least two pins~~ are ~~being~~ sized, directed, and spaced for simultaneous engagement with at least two of the at least two holes of the implant; and

wherein such simultaneous engagement enables repositioning of the implant via application of pressure to the shaft.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the simultaneous engagement of ~~at least two of the pins into at least two of the holes~~ enables rotation of the implant in the intervertebral space in a plane perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of a spine having the intervertebral space by pushing the shaft in the perpendicular plane.

4. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the simultaneous engagement of ~~at least two of~~

the pins into ~~at least two~~ of the holes enables extraction of the implant from the intervertebral space along the longitudinal axis of the shaft ~~via application of a force to~~ by pulling the shaft in a proximal direction.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein selection of the ~~at least two~~ holes for simultaneous engagement by the ~~at least two~~ pins corresponds to selection of a surgical approach, and wherein the approach is one of the group consisting of an anterior approach and an antero-lateral approach.

6. (canceled)

7. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a handle coupled to the shaft, wherein applying pressure to the handle in a proximal direction aids extraction of the implant from the intervertebral space.

8-11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A set of apparatuses for repositioning an intervertebral implant having multiple pairs of holes in an intervertebral space, each apparatus comprising:

a shaft having a distal end and a longitudinal axis, the distal end of the shaft including a first prong and a second prong, the first prong being straight and extending along the longitudinal axis such that the first prong lies entirely on the same axis as the longitudinal axis of the shaft and the second prong being curved, forming a monolithic structure with the shaft, and extending away from the longitudinal axis; and

a pair of pins coupled to the ~~shaft distal end and first~~ and second prongs, respectively, extending along a longitudinal axis in a same direction parallel to one another, ~~and~~ perpendicular to a plane passing through the longitudinal axis, and

~~wherein engageable by the implant includes multiple pairs of holes of the implant, and each hole pair is engageable by any of the pairs of pins; and~~

~~wherein each apparatus has a respective orientation of the position of the~~ longitudinal axis of the shaft of the apparatus relative to ~~the orientation of the~~ pair of pins of the apparatus ~~is,~~ such that a selection of a particular pair of pins for engagement with a particular hole pair corresponds to a selection of a surgical approach that is substantially aligned with the longitudinal axis of the shaft.

13. (original) The set of apparatuses of claim 12, wherein the surgical approach is one of the group consisting of an anterior approach and an anterior-lateral approach.

14. (canceled)

15. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the distal end of the at least one shaft includes a first prong and a second prong, the first prong extending substantially along the longitudinal axis of the shaft and the second prong bending in the direction toward one of the group consisting of left and right relative to the longitudinal axis of the shaft.